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GOODBYE PLAZA GRILL, HELLO HAVANA

END OF SEVERAL ERAS In 2020, Plaza Grill managing co-owner Bill Chino set up a COVID-safe dinner pick-up service outside Jacoby's Storehouse. KLH | UNION

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ARCATA – Any Arcatan's gastronomic reminiscences are going to include long-lost eateries such as Big Four, Paradise Ridge Café, Folie Douce, Mazzotti's, American Deli, V&N Burger Bar... and many others. Soon, that list will include that linchpin of the downtown restaurant scene, Plaza Grill in Jacoby's Storehouse.

Last week, Plaza Grill announced its closure after more than 35 years, ending an era that saw it survive the comings and goings of dozens of other eating places, including its sister restaurant, Abruzzi. It even survived COVID-19, which redefined the Plaza's business make-up, thanks to the tireless, always-upbeat labors of managing co-owner Bill Chino. **PLAZA GRILL ◆ PAGE 3**



NIGHT OF THE RETIRING KAREN Retiring Arcata City Manager Karen Diemer was celebrated at Septentrio Winery last Thursday, Aug. 29 with enthusiasm reaching Taylor Swift levels. Joining the City of Arcata in



1996 and appointed as city manager in 2014, Diemer oversaw a range of dramatic and positive changes to the city. Above, Karen with the City Council. Left, with new Arcata City Manager Merritt Perry. PHOTOS BY MATT FILAR | UNION



A FAREWELL TO KAREN



Environmental Services Director Emily Sinkhorn posts notices warning Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary users about the deceased sea lion Saturday afternoon. KLH | UNION

Well-traveled sea lion chooses Marsh's Klopp Lake as final place of rest

Kevin L. Hoover

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ARCATA MARSH – A romp of perhaps five river otters gamboled in the waters of Klopp Lake Saturday, not far from the remains of a California Sea Lion who chose the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary to spend its final days.

At spots around the graywater lake, Environmental Services Director Emily Sinkhorn was busy

replacing flyers she'd just posted the day before which cautioned marsh users of the sea lion's presence, and asked that they give him space.

The new flyers announced that the sea lion had died, and that the city, working with the North-coast Marine Mammal Center, is "letting nature and decomposition take its course."

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'Forced labor' rife on illegal cannabis farms

Daniel Mintz

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HUMBOLDT – Humboldt County's sheriff says Northern California's illegal cannabis farming is rife with labor exploitation and it's going to be addressed with new grant-funded staff.

Three new Sheriff's Office positions were approved at the Aug. 27 Board of Supervisors meeting.

Sheriff Billy Honsal said Humboldt's control of illegal

CANNABIS ◆ PAGE 3

After a six-year absence, I'm back at the North Country Fair on Sept. 21 and 22. Come by and say hello!

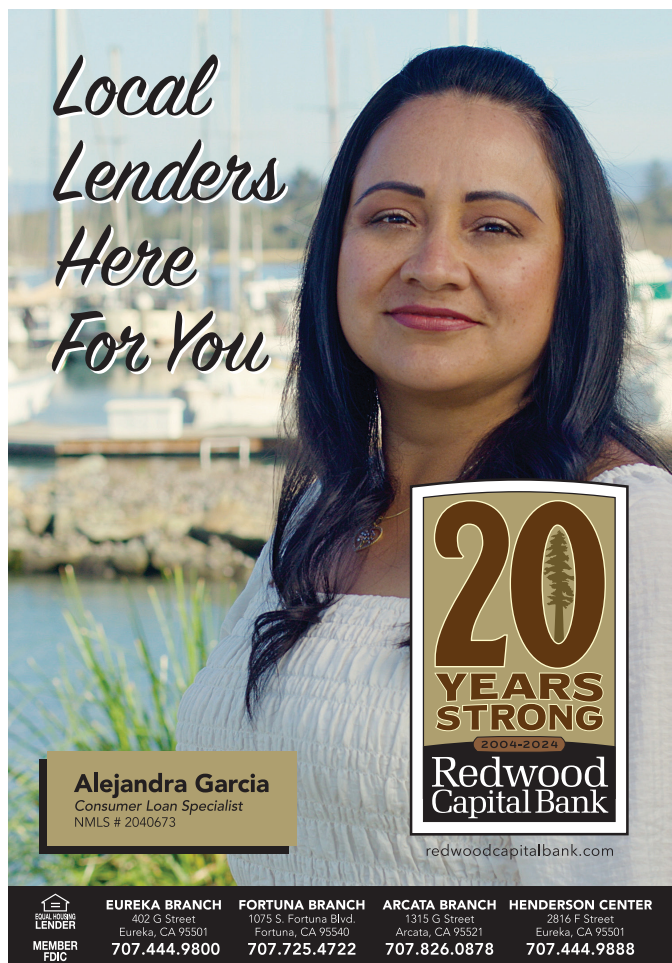


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Reading, reconnecting and pulling together

A *History of Orick and Stone Lagoon Gateway to the Redwood National Park* by David Zuber will be launched on Sunday, Sept. 15 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Trinidad Museum, 400 Janis Court off Patrick's Point Drive. The book chronicles the unique history of Orick and Stone Lagoon area. Along with the written history are several hundred never before published photos and documents. Author David Zuber, who was raised in Orick, presents Orick's history from indigenous village to agricultural and timber boom towns to today.

Two editions are available: standard edition with photos in black and white for \$55 or a deluxe edition with photos in sepia or color at \$100. Signing will take place in the museum's photography room, which features the exhibit "Orick Over

Time." All are welcome to be introduced to the author and to hear about his long-awaited narrative on Trinidad's close neighbor to the north.

Pulling Together Trinidad

A community-wide stewardship day removing invasive ivy will take place Saturday, Sept. 14 from 9 a.m. to noon. Volunteers should meet at Trinidad Town Hall at 8:30 a.m. for instructions. Wear sturdy shoes or boots and gloves and a long-sleeved

shirt. There is an after party at the Town Hall from noon to 4 p.m. with free admission to those who volunteer at least one hour pulling ivy. Admission is \$20 for those attending the party without volunteering. The Trinidad Coastal Land Trust executive director writes that "100 volunteers are needed to 'pull' this off." TCLT is co-sponsoring the day with the the Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria, California Coastal National Monument and California State Parks. Sounds like the best kind of day, working together and

then celebrating together, as we move into the fall season. Trinidad life doesn't get any better. Go to trinidadcoastallandtrust.org to sign up or for more information.

'Let's Reconnect and Recharge'

The first meeting of the season for Trinidad Civic Club takes place on Thursday, Sept. 5 in the Club Room, Town Hall. Co-Presidents Dana Hope and Jan West will lead the business meeting starting at 10 a.m. with the program on planning for the year's fun, service, talks and events starting at 11:15 a.m. Come at 9:45 a.m. to socialize.

A Blood Bank event on Tuesday, Sept. 10 from noon to 6 p.m. in Murphy's parking area is the Club's service focus this month. Gail Saunders is chairman. Donors will receive a voucher for a free pizza slice from Headies Pizza and Pour. Call Gail at (707) 845-5931 to schedule your appointment or for more details.

TCC members and guests are welcome. Email tcc@trinidadcivicclub.org for more information.

Trinidad Head Lighthouse open

The regular first Saturday open Trinidad Head lighthouse will occur on Saturday, Sept. 7 from 10 a.m. to noon courtesy of the Bureau of Land Management/California Coastal National Monument, the Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria and Trinidad Museum docents. Pedestrian access only. It is a half-mile walk up Lighthouse Road. The lighthouse site is open through dusk, however, the lighthouse tours are limited to the 10 a.m. to noon period. Pets on leash. No vehicular access.

Email Patti at baycity@sonic.net.

News of the road: whams and plans

On Thursday, Aug 29 at about 4:24 p.m. I was in my house in Manila working behind the computer, updating the newspaper's subscription list. The front door was open and I heard a horrible crashing sound coming from State Route 255, which is about a football field's length from my sandy adobe. I couldn't see what happened, but from the sound I pictured a head-on collision, or perhaps a flipped-over big rig. It was a terrible sound of metal slamming against metal. Something really bad had happened.

I grabbed my phone and a pen and looked for a notebook, but couldn't find one, so I gave up, jumped in the truck and drove around the block and to the highway and headed southbound, uncertain about what I would find, if anything.

Within seconds, I spotted a small, four-door silver sedan that had run over a speed limit sign and slammed into the side of a box truck that was parked in a gravel lot well off the highway just south of Pacific Avenue. I passed by the wreck and parked as far away as possible to leave plenty of room for the firetrucks I assumed would be arriving soon.

While journalists have a right to cover such incidents, they should always be careful to never interfere with rescue operations. Always park far away and leave a lot of room for multiple fire



SLAMMED A driver plowed into a parked box truck Thursday evening, Aug 29 in Manila. JACK DURHAM | UNION

trucks.

There were two parked cars nearby and two men on their cellphones. "Are you calling 911?" I asked, and they said they were doing so. I asked if they had checked on the driver. They had not. Dammit, I thought. I didn't relish the idea of being the first person to confirm a potential fatality, but I didn't have a choice.

I walked around the box truck and made my way to the car. Questions raced through my mind. If someone is in the car, what do I do? Should I be concerned about fire? No answers came to mind.

A young man was staggering around near the car, spitting blood out of his mouth.

"Are you the occupant?" I asked.

"I am. I fell asleep."

"Are you OK?"

"My chest hurts. I fell asleep." He was dazed and look like he might puke.

He was walking around.

He spit more blood out of his mouth. He crouched down, stood up, then crouched again. I took a photo of the wreck.

I was about to take a photo of the man, but decided not to, for whatever reason. The man was alive, and emergency vehicles were on their way.

"I fell asleep," he said again.

I checked in with one of the guys on their phones. The calls had been made. The professionals were on their way.

I was free to leave, and I did.

Road diet

Planning for the future of the heart of McKinleyville is an oddly sleepy process. Perhaps it's the vagueness of zoning for the unknown that keeps most people from participating in the process. It's hard to get folks fired up about building setbacks, facade requirements and wetland delineations.

The exception is the proposed road diet for Central Avenue. That issue has lit up social media with instant

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BL heist ends in crash & flee, later, two arrests with drugs, weapons

HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE
BLUE LAKE/SAMOA – On Monday, Aug. 12 at about 10 a.m., Humboldt County Sheriff’s deputies responded to a theft report of over \$10,000 of equipment from a construction yard in the 1200 block of Hatchery Road in Blue Lake. Deputies were alerted that the suspect fled the scene in a black Ford flatbed truck. Citizens followed the vehicle and notified law enforcement. Deputies located the vehicle on Highway 299. The vehicle failed to stop and a pursuit was initiated. The pursuit led to the Maple Creek area, where the suspect vehicle crashed into a livestock fence around the 16000 block of Maple Creek Road and fled on foot. The deputies were unable to locate the suspect. The suspect is described as a white male, last seen wearing a gray hat, blue sweatshirt, and blue jeans. The stolen property was located at the scene of the crash and returned to the victim. The Humboldt County Sheriff’s Office (HCSO) would like to thank the citizens who acted quickly and alerted law enforcement right away by calling 911. HCSO urges citizens to call or text 911 when you are having an emergency or witnessing a crime.

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Two weeks later
On Thursday, Aug. 29 at about 6:30 p.m., Humboldt County Sheriff’s deputies responded to the 1400 block of Fay Street in Samoa to attempt an arrest warrant on Joshua Hoisington, 42, of Blocksburg, Calif., who was involved in a theft and pursuit case that began earlier this month.

Deputies showed up to the residence, served the warrant, and thoroughly searched the location but did not locate Hoisington. During the search, they discovered firearms and drug paraphernalia at the location.

While on the scene, deputies found Hoisington’s significant other, Deana Russell, offsite near the residence. Russell was taken into custody due to an outstanding felony warrant for probation violation.

The following property was discovered by deputies at the searched location:

- FNH 5.7x28 pistol
 - Liberty 21.22 LR revolver
 - Ruger 10/22
 - Approximately 1,000 rounds of various caliber ammunition
 - 5.32g of methamphetamine
 - Methamphetamine pipe
 - 8g of suspected psilocybin mushroom
 - 2g of suspected fentanyl
- Later that night, deputies located Hoisington on a traffic stop and was taken into custody without incident.

- Both Hoisington and Russell were booked on the following charges:
- Having a controlled substance while armed (H&S 11370.1(a))
 - Felon in possession of a firearm (PC 29800(a)(1))
 - Prohibited person in possession of ammunition (PC 30305(a)(1))
 - Possession of Large-Capacity Magazines (PC 32310)
- This case is still under investigation.

Anyone with information about this case or related criminal activity is encouraged to call the Humboldt County Sheriff’s Office at (707) 445-7251 or the Sheriff’s Office Crime Tip line at (707) 268-2539.

Cannabis | ‘Forcing labor’

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Cannabis is effective but “bad actors” have been pushed into or have migrated from other parts of the state to nearby counties. Humboldt is part of a five-county coalition in a region where illegal cannabis production has “exponentially blown up,” Honsal said.

The counties banded together to form a non-profit group, the Northern California Coalition to Safeguard Communities, to tackle cannabis dilemmas that any one of its members can’t deal with on its own.

The coalition’s goal is “to seek funding for a collective goal, to eliminate or at least address – I shouldn’t say eliminate, because it will never happen – to address human and labor trafficking associated with illegal cannabis operations, transnational crime, organized crime, as well as environmental damage,” Honsal said.

The three positions paid for through Humboldt’s \$334,600 of grant funding over three years are a public information officer, an evidence technician and a program manager.

They’ll support efforts against human trafficking.

Honsal said cannabis prices have dropped steeply and with less money churned, cost-cutting leads to labor exploitation.

Pre-legalization cannabis was selling for \$3,000 to \$5,000 a pound and now the price has dropped between \$300 and \$500, said Honsal, with labor cost being “the biggest liability now.”

Honsal added, “So how do you combat that – you combat that through forcing labor.”

He said victim advocacy, not immigration enforcement, is the goal.

“As far as people that have come into the country illegally, that’s not the focus of the coalition – enforcement of immigration law is not something that a state or county employee can ever do ... and we’re not bringing in immigration and customs to do immigration checks.”

Also involved in the law enforcement effort is gaining evidence through “software extraction” from electronic devices like cell phones.

Honsal emphasized that electronic evidence will be collected under “strict requirements,” including search warrants.

Supervisors supported the intent but Supervisor Natalie Arroyo has concerns about grant-funded positions being temporary.

Due to that, she voted against approval of the positions.

But hers was the only dissenting vote and the positions were approved.

A key lesson from Joey, out camping with Odie

We’ve had some great adoptions this past week. What makes these stand out is the amount of time the adopters put in to try and determine if the dog was a good fit for their family or their lifestyle. One of these was my buddy Joey, featured here several times after outings to Kinetics, Annie and Mary Day and overnights with the volunteers.

Joey was a dog that didn’t “show well.” He was a smart pup who knew that he was probably only going to get out of the kennel once during the day and he loved to spend that time playing fetch and keep-away. Potential adopters like to see dogs that come up to them and enjoy pets and attention, so Joey was considered to be less friendly with his focus on the ball.

Every time I could, I’d try to tell people that he was a great boy, away from the play yard. One woman had met him twice, but told me she just wasn’t seeing the same dog that I’d been telling her about. I asked if she’d be willing to take him for an overnight to see how he acted away from the shelter and she said yes. The over night turned into a week-end.

“Yep, You were right; he’s a keeper” she texted me mid-weekend while confirming that she would be going in to complete the adoption paperwork. It makes us really happy when an adopter takes the time to see the real dog that is sometimes hidden under the behavior that makes the shelter work for them.

I hope that some of the profiles I put in this column help potential adopters consider some of the dogs that don’t seem as desirable on a fifteen minute viewing.

This week’s diamond in the rough

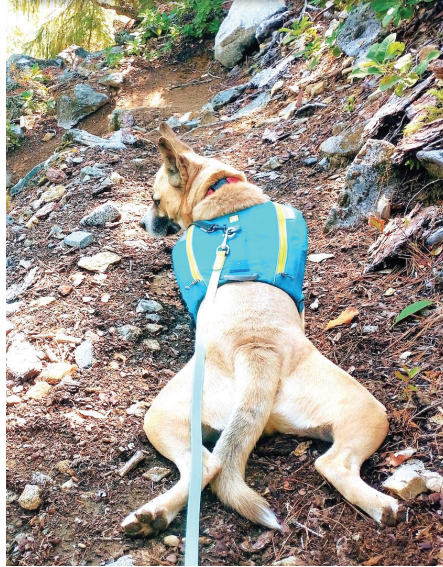


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Mara Segal

is Odie. Odie has been great on his outings. In the winter he went up to Horse Mountain with some volunteers and another dog where he had a blast running and rolling in the snow. He has gone out on some trail runs where he has demonstrated some pretty good recall.

Most recently he went on an overnight camping and hiking adventure with his volunteer friend Lauren. After arriving at the trailhead at 7:30 in the evening, they explored the area a bit before making camp in the car. Lauren reported that once she laid down, Odie got the idea and just snuggled in beside her,

Right at home on the trail.
PHOTOS BY LAUREN MORGAN | DOGTOWN



where he stayed all night.

In the morning, Odie was cooperative about being geared up and then they took off on a challenging nine-mile hike. Odie did great, only taking a few breaks to sprawl across the trail! Meeting other dogs was no problem, though the steep trail didn’t leave a lot of room



for playing.

Lauren says, “Odie is so smart he would always figure out a way up the steep sections or to untangle the leash all on his own.” At the end of the hike, he happily loaded back up for the ride back. He might have been a little tired but was ready for any new adventure by the next day!

If you would like an amazing trail-running buddy, or company for backpacking and more, come check out Odie. Odie is about four years old and is neutered, microchipped, heartworm tested and current on his vaccinations. Please call the shelter at (707) 840-9132 to make an appointment to meet Odie!

This coming Saturday, Sept. 7 from 3 to 5 p.m. is the storytelling fundraiser for Redwood Pals Rescue at Six Rivers Brewing on Central in McKinleyville. There are some great stories and poems by local writers and storytellers! Come on by and support the work we do.

For more info, please contact 707elizabetha@gmail.com.

Sea lion | Had been sighted in BC, Columbia River

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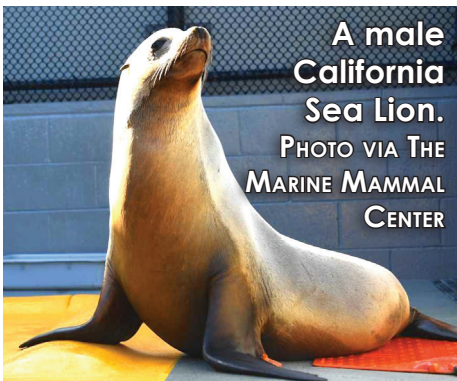
According to Dawn Goley, professor of zoology at Cal Poly Humboldt, the adult male California Sea Lion was first reported in the Humboldt Bay mudflats near the Klopp Lake Trail on Saturday, Aug. 24. Over the next few days, Goley said, the sea lion moved over the trail and berm back and forth between the bay and Klopp Lake. Its death in Klopp Lake was reported to the Cal Poly Humboldt Marine Mammal Stranding Program by marshgoer Mark Larson on Saturday morning.

Said Goley, “California sea lions are common in the nearshore waters in northern California in the early fall through the winter. Typically juvenile and adult males travel to the North Coast to spend the fall, winter and early spring before returning to the Channel Islands to mate in the summertime. While California sea lions

can be seen in Humboldt Bay, this is the first sighting of one in the Arcata Marsh.”

This particular sea lion was “known to science” due to previous tagging by marine researchers, Sinkhorn had said. Goley confirmed this, offering more details.

“We identified this animal as an adult male based on his overall size and the shape of his forehead,” Goley said. “It was confirmed to be an adult male because it was marked with unique numbers that allowed us to identify this specific animal as one that was marked by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife in Astoria, Oregon in 2017. This animal was part of a routine marking project in Astoria that studied the foraging ecology and movements of CSLs in the Columbia River. This particular animal was resighted off and on over the last seven years as far north as British Columbia (2021) and (now) as



A male California Sea Lion.
PHOTO VIA THE MARINE MAMMAL CENTER

far south as Humboldt Bay, California (ODFW).”

Cal Poly Humboldt Biology Professor Jeff Black, who studies the marsh’s river otters, offered additional context. “Quite the public ending of a majestic Pacific Northwest traveler,” he said. “Poor guy. I wonder what he thought about being watched so closely these last days. I bet the early city planners and engineers never would’ve dreamed that Klopp Lake would provided an ‘end of days’ Sanctuary for one of the largest marine

mammals of the region.”

Black, who is behind the university’s River Otter Citizen Science Project, offered an update on those not-marine-mammals. “This summer one mother river otter is rearing three large and healthy

pups in Klopp Lake,” Black reported. “A fifth otter has joined the group and seems to be sharing the workload of watching and catching fish for the pups. These five have been spotted briefly on most days this summer and are otherwise hidden under the trees along the Klopp Lake shoreline or on the islands and floating veg mats in the adjacent Hauser marsh. Five additional big male otters have been coming into Klopp Lake for a few days at a time before moving further into Humboldt Bay.”

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The Plaza Grill news release

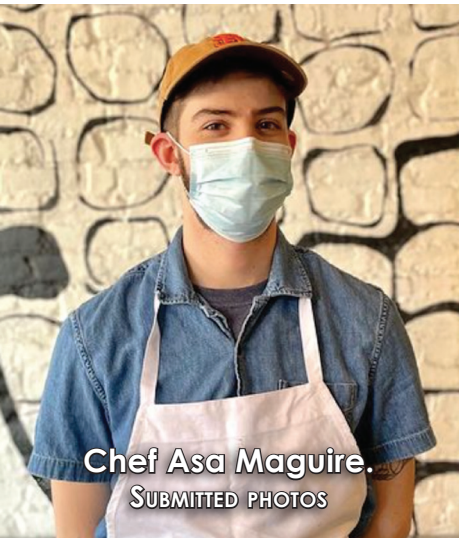
Plaza Grill is both excited and sentimental to announce that it will be transitioning at the end of September into a new Cuban-Californian fusion restaurant.

Plaza Grill has been serving delicious, thoughtfully prepared food on the third floor of Jacoby’s Storehouse in Arcata for over 35 years. Over the time, thousands of patrons have dined and enjoyed their experience at the restaurant through great food and personal customer service.

Plaza Grill is both proud and honored to have served three generations of our amazing community. Still today, many of those customers enjoy food and drink at the restaurant regularly. However, as the years go on, ownership has decided that it is time for an exciting new restaurant that they are sure the community will love to take over the space.

Havana is a Cuban-Californian Fusion restaurant that will be bringing its classy atmosphere into the Plaza Grill space in the beginning of October. Owners Shona and William have been operating a renowned restaurant in the capital city of Cuba for the last eight years and are excited to bring their authentic and enticing cuisine to Arcata this fall.

The restaurant will be serving dishes that blend the flavors of Cuba and California to create an experience that Humboldt County has never had before. In addition to delicious plates, they’ll also be delivering unique cocktails crafted by world-renowned mixologists and providing a space for visitors to commune, dance and more.



Chef Asa Maguire.
SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Throughout the month of September, Chef Asa Maguire and Mixologist Yosvany Gonzalez will be working with the Plaza Grill team and offering unique Cuban dishes and drinks in addition to the familiar Plaza Grill menu.

Asa Maguire is a talented chef who has brought his talents around the world, including New York City, San Francisco and of course, Cuba, where he learned and practiced authentic Cuban cuisine and he is excited to take what he’s learned to Arcata.

Cuban Mixologist Yosvany Gonzalez, is a world-class bartender who has spent recent years mixing up cocktails throughout Las Vegas. He loves crafting unique drinks that cater to the setting and feeling of the atmosphere and looks forward to capturing a blend of Cuba and Arcata.

Of the closure of one of Arcata’s most beloved restaurants and the opening of what they expect will be a new one, Plaza Grill owners Bill Chino and Chris



Mixologist Yosvany Gonzalez.

Smith said, “We are endlessly thankful to have had the opportunity to serve Humboldt County for almost four decades. Nothing will ever replace the smiling faces of regulars and the delightful conversations we’ve had with so many guests over the years. We look forward to serving each and every one of you all throughout our last month. As for the opening of Havana, we couldn’t be more excited to have such a unique restaurant coming to fill the space. The owners and team are wonderful people and we know that local foodies will love what they have to offer.”

Plaza Grill will continue to offer customers its signature menu throughout September with the addition of various Cuban-Californian dish and drink specials. Those interested in an early sneak peek at Havana can visit on Sept. 19 for a pop-up event of the soon-to-be restaurant!

To stay up to date and learn more, please follow Plaza Grill and Havana in Arcata on Facebook and Instagram.

STUDENT MAKES DEAN’S LIST Marisa Mendosa of Arcata made the Spring 2024 Dean’s List at Pacific University in Forest Grove, Oregon. The Dean’s List recognizes undergraduate students in Pacific’s colleges of Arts & Sciences, Business and Education who earn a grade-point average of at least 3.70 and complete 12 or more graded hours.

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BIODIVERSITY TOURS
Friends of the Arcata Marsh is joining a statewide effort to celebrate California’s biodiversity during the week of Sept. 7 to 15. This year marks the fourth statewide California Biodiversity Day, a time to celebrate our state’s unique biodiversity and encourage actions to protect it. Sept. 7 is the anniversary of the launch of the California Biodiversity Initiative (resources.ca.gov/biodiversityday2023). Here are the tours being offered:

- Saturday, Sept. 7, 2 p.m., – “What is biodiversity and why does it matter?” tour with Lynn Jones.
- Sunday, Sept. 8, starting at 11 a.m. – “Medicinal plants” tour with Neysa Budzinski.
- Sunday, Sept. 8, 2 p.m. – “Basic birding diversity”

bicycle tour with Andy Feinstein (bring your bike or eBike).

- Tuesday, Sept. 10, 10 a.m. – “Unseen parts of biodiversity: the living things most people never notice along Marsh trails” tour with Paul Johnson.
- Saturday, Sept. 14, 2 p.m., – “Plant biodiversity” tour with Barbara Reisman.

All tours will last between 1.5 and 2 hours and are free of charge. No pre-registration is required; all ages welcome. Meet at the Interpretive Center, 569 South G St., Arcata. (707) 826-2359.

FEEDING FRENZIES Join Redwood Region Audubon Society for a free guided field trip at the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday, Sept. 7 from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Bring your binoculars and meet trip leader Dan Greaney at the end of South I Street (Klopp Lake) in Arcata for incredible views of Humboldt Bay, easy-to-walk trails and a great diversity of birdlife.

SAMOA DUNES Friends of the Dunes offers a guided walk to celebrate California Biodiversity Day on Saturday, Sept. 7 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Samoa Dunes & Wetlands Conservation Area. Meet at the Samoa Dunes and Wetlands Conservation Area parking lot (directly across the Samoa Cookhouse road on State Route 255) at 10 a.m. The rating of difficulty for this walk is moderate to strenuous.

BIRDING ON A BIKE As part of the California Biodiversity Day celebration, Friends of the Arcata Marsh board member and intrepid bicyclist Andy Feinstein will lead his “Second Sunday Cycling Tour” of the Arcata Marsh on Sept. 8. Meet at the Interpretive Center at 2 p.m. for a 90-minute, docent-led tour focusing on “Basic Birding Diversity.” Bring your own bike (e-bikes allowed); all ages welcome. Heavy rain cancels. For more information, call the Interpretive Center at (707) 826-2359.

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A letter to Sup. Wilson

Hello Mike,

Eric Almquist here... couple things, I just wanted to express my dismay at how the county prioritizes what I consider bedrock services. The obvious example is the road system, we all know what poor condition it's in. It hurts in multiple ways, our vehicles suffer damage and accelerated wear, our gas mileage is reduced, our frustration builds... and given the considerable taxes we pay (property, sales, fuel, excise, etc) we feel cheated putting up with this lack of maintenance. Nothing makes our community flow along better than good roads and proactive upkeep. Police, fire, roads and transportation, those are the key services we expect at the county level. Now we propose a sales tax hike to fund the road budget deficit, putting once again the onerous task of collections on our already struggling local businesses.

It's said (no specific attribution) that the reason the county is sooo behind on road maintenance is because the state "clawed back" monies the county used to apply to public works/roads. The county collects a *tremendous* amount of property tax annually, and sends most of that (four fifths?) to the state for them to squander on bloated projects while the county can't keep patch in the potholes. That ratio is where the money is at, stand up and double claw back what this county needs to maintain and improve infrastructure and services at the county level.

And also... this county, and we're not unique, has a trash and uncaring trashy people, problem, intentionally dumping their garbage on the roadside, and as I live and work in rural locales (Kneeland and Essex/Glendale specifically), we see it all too often. We need cleanup and enforcement both at

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the Public Works and Sheriff's Office. I do my part, as do my neighbors, but there are times where time, location or grossness allows piles of garbage, appliances, mattresses, autos, to sit for days and weeks before it's either cleaned up by some volunteer, scattered by animals, or just festers forever. I suggest the county should have a dedicated crew to respond to citizen reports of dumpage and effect a cleanup and an effort to identify the associated parties, find a name-send a bill.

Currently there are two refrigerators dumped on Kneeland rd below GWH intersection. Been there for about two weeks, crap strewn about. I would haul those off to the transfer station but it's not clear where to go, who to contact, and who pays the fees? Can you help with that? From that, I suggest aside from a cleanup crew, an agreement be struck between the county and Recology and/or HWMA so volunteers doing cleanups do not have fees charged at the transfer stations.

Yes, this is long on complaints and suggestions, short on details, but I feel as an invested citizen of Humboldt County, this is important.

Thank you for your consideration.

Eric Almquist
Arcata

Westhaven pie thanks

Members of the Westhaven Ladies Club are taking a well earned break after the 64th Annual Westhaven Blackberry Festival on July 28. They met for 29 Tuesdays, from January through July, to bake pies and make jams and jellies. Whew!

All of the jams and jellies sold at the festival and only a few frozen pies are left. All proceeds benefit the Westhaven Volunteer Fire Department.

Club members want to thank all the volunteer bakers and sellers, their donors, and folks who purchased their wares. Donors include Humboldt Creamery, Wildberries Market, Murphy's Market, Costeo, Dennis Mendes, Dazey's Supply and the ChefStore.

"We bought 50 cases of jars from Dazey's with a very generous discount," Glenda Howard said. "Humboldt Creamery donated thirty gallons of ice cream and said they were looking forward to next year!"

Erica Ervin especially wanted to thank the young women who were on their mission with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, from both the Arcata and the McKinleyville churches, who helped with the baking. She also thanked the *Mad River Union* for the many articles that helped sell pies before the festival, freeing up much needed freezer room.

But don't go looking for those extra pies on Tuesdays at the fire hall. The ladies are taking

a break for real! Watch this space for an announcement of pie sales around Thanksgiving. You'll just have to wait until then.

Janine Volkmar
Trinidad

Quest for justice

Thank you to the many community members who came to see the documentary *When Olive Trees Weep* last week at the Minor Theatre. We are very grateful for your openness to learn about Palestine and the respect and attention you gave to the film and the panel of speakers after – Gigi Hyden, Jamilla Hashem and Dr. Akila and our moderator Professor Gabi Kirk. For nearly three hours one could hear a pin drop as people heard deeply moving personal stories about grief, loss, trauma, quest for justice and Palestinian resilience.

Since this showing sold out, we had to turn away many of you. Please get your tickets online or stop by the Minor Theatre well before the Sept. 25 showing of *Roadmap to Apartheid*. I find this particular film to be one of the most critical in understanding how the Israeli government's plans, policies and tactics mirror the frighteningly similar laws and tools used by apartheid-era South Africa. Narrated by Alice Waters

Our October documentary will be *1948: Creation & Catastrophe*, Oct. 23.

Pamela Brown
Shine a Light on Palestine Group
Arcata

Shimmying for pride and glory with 2024 Rutabaga Queen Olivia Gambino

Olivia Gambino is the reigning 2024 Kinetic Grand Championship Rutabaga Queen. She invited me to join her for a peek behind the scenes of her burlesque persona at her studio at the A Street Artists collective in Eureka. Olivia is currently working on her costume for the Flex Burlesque show, coming up Friday, Sept. 6 at the Basement, located at 791 Eighth St. in Arcata.

Dark and Light is the theme of the show, and that has given Olivia a chance to explore darker themes than she normally plays with. Olivia's costumes and persona are usually very Las Vegas "showgirl," but she is creating a costume that mirrors Dior's Junon dress.

She explains that the dress is a dedication to the goddess Hera (or Juno), and her act will embody the personification of a dying star through the eyes of a goddess in the vacuum of space. Olivia will play the Diva goddess as a dying star on a dying planet in a dying system. I warned you it was darker than her usual stuff...

The idea comes from a place of personal darkness this past summer, when Olivia was experiencing despair and a lack of hope. She felt that she was "staring into the abyss, feeling the world deteriorate around her." She also wanted to do something totally out of her wheelhouse.

She showed me an anatomically correct heart that she had covered with rhinestones. At the end of her performance, after all is revealed, she will take the heart out of a cocktail smoker and present the audience with her heart as if out of a bell jar, a reference to Sylvia Plath's 1963 novel *The Bell Jar*.

Olivia showed me the first head-

dress she ever made. It is repurposed from old T-shirt material and feathers that were given to her by the owner of Skin By What's Her Face where she works as a massage therapist.

She used all this extra stuff just hanging around her house and transformed it into something quite beautiful.

In contrast, her most recent headdress is made out of galvanized wire featuring cascading orange and green ostrich feathers, which took her 25 hours to build and used \$370 worth of materials. The ostrich feather boas she uses in her act were \$310, a huge investment.

She spends hours applying rhinestones to everything: her shoes, her pasties, panties, bras and corsets. She doesn't do this for the money. She does it for the glory (as befitting a Rutabaga Queen), and also for pride and love.

Olivia spends about six to eight hours a week rehearsing. "You have to think in a meticulous way about how things are going to work and how things are going to look onstage," she says. "You must practice with the costume pieces. You don't want something getting stuck." As an example, she had to remove some jewels from the panties she had bedazzled, because she realized in rehearsal that they were a hazard.

Olivia's assistant, Bella Bestia, who was working on the Juno costume when we met at the studio, is one of Va Va Voom Burlesque's brightest new stars. Olivia was so impressed with Bella that she covered her tuition to go to Va Va Voom boot camp last year, which is where Olivia got her start in 2019.

Mentoring is an important part of the process at the Va Va Voom Burlesque troupe, which has won



PHOTO BY TYSON RITTER

what she studied for her Bachelor's degree. Custodio thought she was a fashionable, gregarious lady and felt she belonged on the stage. Olivia says that when they did the tassel twirling part of the course, the direction was "to shimmy."

She remembered that her grandmother Yvonne had taught her to shimmy when she was a little girl in Louisiana. She was ecstatic to learn that her grandmother taught her how to twirl tassels without teaching her how to twirl tassels.

Creating has come to be as necessary as breathing for Olivia. She admits that she spends a lot of money on burlesque but isn't sad about it. The joy and rewards of performing bleed into her regular life and have taught her many lessons about self-care.

When Olivia first started burlesque five years ago, she chose the name Yvonne Cantrell to honor her grandmother and great-grandmother. She wanted something deeply meaningful to carry on the ancestral heritage of being a headstrong, admirable woman. She realized that she was treating Yvonne (her on-stage persona) really well (taking care of her skin and nails, getting facials), but that she wasn't doing those things for herself in her day-to-day life. She also noticed the negative self-speak and critical nature she had towards Olivia, but knew that she wouldn't talk to Yvonne like that.

She decided she had to change back to her real name to give that

same kind of support to Olivia. It's been an integrated process, but she now treats herself well and is proud of the skills that she has built. She thanks Yvonne Cantrell for teaching her this lesson, but she is now just Olivia Gambino.

"Performing on stage is like standing in the center of heaven," she says. She hopes the audience members feel that joy from her performances.

If you'd like to experience the joy, poise and beauty that is our 2024 Rutabaga Queen, here is a list of Olivia's upcoming performances:

- Friday, Sept. 6, 9 p.m. Flex Burlesque at the Basement, 791 Eighth St., Arcata
- Saturday, Sept. 14, 8 p.m. Diva performing bleed into her regular life and have taught her many lessons about self-care.

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Olivia's latest and first headdress. PHOTO BY RUTHI ENGELKE

Burlesque at the Exit Theater, 890 G St., Arcata

- Saturday, Oct. 5, 8 p.m. Freaky Tiki: Tropical, Terror at Six Rivers Brewery, 1300 Central Ave., McKinleyville
- Saturday, Oct. 26, 8 p.m., Va Va Voom at D Street Theater, 300 Fifth St., Eureka

Contact the venues for ticket information.

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condemnations of the mere idea of slowing traffic in downtown McKinleyville.

The idea behind the proposal is to make the McKinleyville Town Center more inviting for pedestrians and bicyclists. One proposal calls for reducing Central Avenue from two lanes to one lane in each direction between Heartwood Drive and Central Avenue.

This would slow down traffic, which is the goal. So what's the problem? According to critics, the problem with the road diet is that it would... slow down traffic.

The question that needs to be answered is how much it would slow down traffic. If the road diet adds a minute to your journey through downtown McKinleyville, isn't that extra time worth it to make the town center more pedestrian friendly? But what if traffic is so snarled that it adds five minutes to your journey? Would downtown McKinleyville become a pedestrian paradise, or a pre-bypass Willits?

If traffic engineers do their jobs right, we should know the answer when the McKinleyville Town Center draft environmental impact report is released early next year. Keep an open mind and wait for the data.

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ART TALK Lida Penkova, left, and John Gibbons will discuss their art Sunday afternoon at the Morris Graves Museum of Art.



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Artists to discuss their creations

MORRIS GRAVES MUSEUM OF ART
EUREKA – Come to the Morris Graves Museum of Art, 636 F St. in Eureka on Sunday, Sept. 8 at 2 p.m. for a “Double Feature” Art Talk with John Gibbons and Lida Penkova.

At 2 p.m., John Gibbons will discuss his current MGMA exhibition “Fungus and Fire: A Glass Mushroom Experience,” on view in the Anderson Gallery through Oct. 27.

Gibbons recreates the movement, colors and creatures of the natural world in his glass artwork. He is known for transforming the beauty of cold northern coasts and warm tropical seas into vessels detailed with starfish clinging to the sides, turtles riding on optical waves, and starfish clustered together in a crown.

At 3 p.m., Lida Penkova will discuss her current MGMA exhibition “Living in Different Worlds and Painting Them,” on view in the Knight Gallery through Oct. 27.

Born in Czechoslovakia, Penkova was destined to wander. At an early age, she moved to England, and then to Germany. In each country she stayed for lengthy periods, soaking up the sights, the people, the colors. She’s not your typical traveler,

consuming cultures for a few days before moving on to the next. Penkova prefers to hang around for a while, experiencing everyday life like going to the market or chatting with a neighbor. Along the way, she attained a psychology degree and ended up in Mexico, where she stayed for 16 years. She and her small family moved to California in the late nineties where she began to paint. Penkova now lives and creates in Lafayette, Colorado.

“My art themes have changed in the course of many years: from individual images of different cultural events/ experiences to making series and beginning to make books. The birth of my granddaughter (almost 7 years old now) was the main motivation for the change. I wanted her to know about some snippets of her & our life she might otherwise not remember or know. My current exhibition is based on such a series. There are three of them: about Czech cultural traditions, Mexican Day of the Dead, and perhaps the center of it - 16 paintings related to granddaughter’s visit in Humboldt County when she was a toddler. These images with yet to be written text will soon become a book,” said Penkova.



ARTS ALIVE! Redwood Art Association at 603 F St. in Eureka is hosting Arts Alive! on Saturday, Sept. 7 from 6 to 9 p.m. Performing will be The Pisanos with their melodious accordion music. The Fall Exhibition is currently showing the gallery. Among the many works are “Bandon Beach Trail,” above, by Lynn Niekrasz. SUBMITTED PHOTO

DIVA BURLESQUE performs Saturday, Sept. 14 at 8 p.m. at The EXIT Theatre, 890 G St. second floor in Arcata. The burlesque revue features emcee Jamie Bondage and local performers. Tickets are \$20 and available at [diva-burlesque-september-2024.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) or cash at the door, For reservations email mail@theexit.org.

NAIMA BOCK performs Thursday, Sept. 5 at Richard’s Goat, 401 I St., Arcata. The roots of Naima Bock’s music are far reaching. Born in Glastonbury to a Brazilian father and a Greek mother, Naima spent her early childhood in Brazil before eventually returning to England and various homes in southeast London. A singer/songwriter who defies easy classification, her music is made up of strong, purposeful arrangements with a huge host of musicians; filled with cradling space and warm light. With local support from Blub. Doors open at 6 p.m., show starts at 9 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets are \$15 in advance and at the door. (707) 630-5000, richardsgoat.com

DEAD ASS FUNK performs Thursday, Sept. 5 at the Humboldt Brewery, 856 10th St., Arcata. Dead Ass Funk is Humboldt’s own Alex Espe, Brian Swislow, Aaron Laughlin, Bryan Kraus, Aaron Drago and Tommy FitzMaurice playing the music of the Grateful Dead. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets are \$10 in advance and at the door. (707) 826-BREWS, humbrews.com

HE ALLEY CATS perform Thursday, Sept. 5 at The Basement. 780 Seventh St., ground floor of Jacoby’s Storehouse, Arcata. Randy Stodola reforms Alley Cats with vocalist and bassist Apryl Cady and drummer Matt Laskey. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. 21 and over. (707) 645-2309, basementarcata.com

SAWYER BROWN performs Friday, Sept. 6 at Blue Lake Casino, 777 Casino Way, Blue

Lake. Sawyer Brown first took the stage in the early 1980s and haven’t looked back. The band has released 23 albums, accumulated more than 50 charted singles, and have received CMA, ACM and CMT awards. With such timeless hits as *Step That Step*, *Some Girls Do* and *Thank God For You* you will be hard-pressed to stay in your seats. Often named the “Rolling Stones of country music,” they remain a perennial favorite at fairs, festivals, theaters and casinos. Doors open at 7 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets are \$50 in advance. (877) 252-2946, bluelakecasino.com

THE CRITICS perform Friday, Sept. 6 at the Humboldt Brewery, 856 10th St., Arcata. The Critics are an original alternative rock band from Fortuna influenced by the sound of the early aughts, including such bands as The Strokes, Radiohead and Arctic Monkeys. They are passionate and dedicated to their art, playing for their fans and aspiring to be heard around the globe. Also with Familiar Faces (SoCal indie rock) and Hvnted. Doors open at 7:30 p.m, show starts at 8 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. (707) 826-BREWS, humbrews.com

RANDOM RAB performs Friday, Sept. 6 at the Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St., Arcata. The multi-instrumentalist and singer offers a powerful and unique contribution to the West Coast electronic music scene, with his work having diverse influences ranging from trip-hop, classical, Arabic, jazz and more. Doors open at 7 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. 18 and over. Tickets are \$15

❖ ARCATA PLAYHOUSE

An evening of soulful folk music

ARCATA PLAYHOUSE
CREAMERY DISTRICT – The Arcata Playhouse is set to host an enchanting evening of folk music on Thursday, Sept. 5 with the critically acclaimed husband-and-wife duo, Ordinary Elephant.

Known for their soul-stirring harmonies, Ordinary Elephant promises a performance that will resonate with audiences long after the final note.

Ordinary Elephant, comprised of Crystal and Pete Damore, has carved out a niche in the folk music scene with their authentic storytelling and seamless vocal blend. Their music explores the human condition with depth and sincerity, earning them recognition in the contemporary folk music scene.

Their latest album, *Honest*, has been praised for its lyrical integrity and musical craftsmanship, earning them a spot on NPR Music’s Top 10 Folk Albums of the Year. The duo’s connection both on and off the stage adds a unique dimension to their live performances, making each show a truly intimate experience.

The Arcata Playhouse, known for its support of independent artists and its dedication to fostering community through the arts, provides the perfect backdrop for Ordinary Elephant’s heartfelt performance. With its warm acoustics and welcoming atmosphere, this show will be an unforgettable evening.

Tickets are \$20 general and are avail-



ORDINARY ELEPHANT Crystal and Pete Damore’s latest album is listed on NPR Music’s 10 Top Folk Albums of the Year.

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able online at playhousearts.org or at the door. Local beer on tap and specialty drinks are available at the bar, with doors opening 30 minutes before the show. The Arcata Playhouse is located at 1251 Ninth St. in Arcata.



SAM REIDER and the Human Hands perform Wednesday Sept. 11. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Genre-defying music at Arcata Playhouse

ARCATA PLAYHOUSE
CREAMERY DISTRICT –The Arcata Playhouse is thrilled to welcome the extraordinary Sam Reider and the Human Hands for a live performance on Wednesday, Sept. 11.

Known for their unique blend of jazz, bluegrass, folk and world music, this ensemble promises a night of captivating and innovative music that will delight audiences of all ages.

Sam Reider, a celebrated composer, pianist, and accordionist, leads the Human Hands with a spirit of adventurous creativity. Drawing inspiration from a wide range of musical traditions, Reider and his ensemble push the boundaries of contemporary acoustic music. Their performanc-

es are renowned for their technical mastery, improvisational flair, and the ability to seamlessly weave together diverse musical genres into a harmonious whole.

The band’s latest album, *The Golem and Other Tales*, has received critical acclaim for its inventive compositions and virtuosic performances, solidifying their reputation as one of the most exciting groups in the modern music scene. Whether it’s a soulful ballad, a fiery bluegrass tune, or a complex jazz arrangement, Sam Reider and the Human Hands deliver a dynamic and engaging live show that is not to be missed.

Tickets are \$20 general and are available online at playhousearts.org or at the door.

in advance and \$20 at the door. (707) 630-5000, arcatatheatrelounge.com

FELIX FLEX BURLESQUE presents Chiaroscuro on Friday, Sept. 6 at The Basement. 780 Seventh St., ground floor of Jacoby’s Storehouse, Arcata. Witness a fusion of light and shadow in this unique burlesque show featuring local performers from all troupes and groups. Prepare to be captivated with artistry and beauty. Join us for a night of sultry dances, dazzling costumes and unforgettable entertainment. Doors open at 8:30p.m., show starts at 9 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets start at \$15 and may be purchased in advance online. (707) 645-2309, basementarcata.com

STEVE JOHNSON performs Friday, Sept. 6 at Six Rivers Brewery, 1300 Central Ave., McKinleyville. Steve Johnson performs an assortment of rock ‘n’ roll and blues, in addition to covers. Show starts at 6 p.m. All ages. (707) 839-7580, sixriversbrewery.com

RODRIGO Y GABRIELA performs Saturday, Sept. 7 at the Van Duzer Theatre at Cal Poly Humboldt. Grammy-winning duo Rodrigo y Gabriela, influenced by classic rock, heavy metal and flamenco, began busking in Dublin after their first band dissolved, and caught the attention of Damien Rice, who invited them to open for him. Their 2002 debut album, *re-Foc*, marked the start of their acclaimed career, with highlights including collaborations like 2012’s “Area 52” with a Cuban orchestra and 2014’s “9 Dead Alive.” All ages. Doors open

at 7 p.m., show begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$82.50 general.

BUDDY REED AND THE RIP IT UPS perform Saturday, Sept. 7 at The Basement. 780 Seventh St., ground floor of Jacoby’s Storehouse, Arcata. Local boys Buddy Reed and the Rip It Ups, layin’ it down low with all your blues and roots rock favorites. Doors open at 8:30 p.m., show starts at 9 p.m. 21 and over. \$5 cover. (707) 645-2309, basementarcata.com

PAPA HAOLE performs Saturday, Sept. 7 at Six Rivers Brewery, 1300 Central Ave., McKinleyville. Local favorites featuring steel pan, ukulele, drums, bass and guitar, playing original rock, reggae, ska, latin and calypso. Show starts at 6 p.m. All ages. (707) 839-7580, sixriversbrewery.com

COMING UP:

- Sam Reider and the Human Hands at the Arcata Playhouse, Wednesday, Sept. 11, 7 p.m.
- Stolen Gin at Humboldt Brewery, Thursday, Sept. 12, 8 p.m.
- David Cross at Van Duzer Theatre at Cal Poly Humboldt, Monday, Sept. 16, 8 p.m.
- Chris Cohen at Richard’s Goat, Friday, Sept. 20, 8:30 p.m.
- Mark Farina at the Arcata Theatre Lounge, Saturday, Sept. 21, 7 p.m.
- Hot Tuna at Van Duzer Theatre at Cal Poly Humboldt, Tuesday, Sept. 24, 7 p.m.
- Bobby Alu at the Arcata Playhouse, Thursday, Sept. 26, 7 p.m.
- Zepparella at Humboldt Brewery, Friday, Sept. 27, 8 p.m.

50 years of INSREP archives on display at Cal Poly Library

CAL POLY HUMBOLDT – Celebrating 50 years of the Indian Natural Resources, Science & Engineering Program (INRSEP) at Humboldt, the new INRSEP Archive is now in the Cal Poly Humboldt Library Special Collections.

Originally founded in 1974 as the Native American Career Education in Natural Resources (NACENR) program, today, INRSEP is one of a constellation of eight programs within COM-PASS which serve first generation and low-income students: INRSEP, Native FEWS (Food, Energy and Water Systems) Alliance, the Geoscience Alliance, Natural Resource Career Development Program (NRCDP), Ecological Forecasting Initiative (EFI), STEM Pathways and Research Alliance/California State University Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (*CSU-LSAMP@Cal Poly Humboldt*), California Institute for Regenerative Medicine Scholars Program (CIRM), and the McNair Scholars Program.

Centering the Indian Natural Resources, Science & En-

gineering Program at its heart and guiding North Star, COM-PASS programs place special emphasis on working with our Indigenous students and those from backgrounds historically marginalized and underrepresented in Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics and Medicine (STEMM).

humboldt.edu/compass

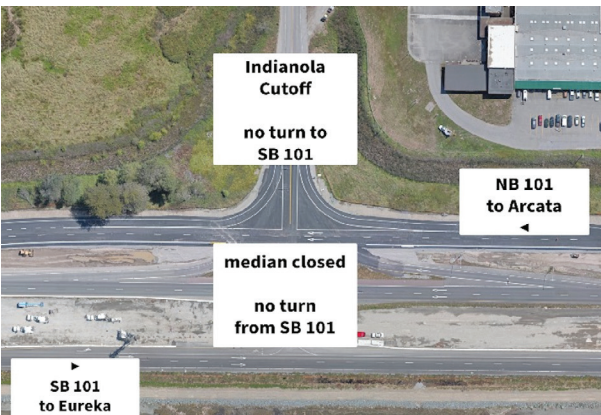
During INRSEP's move from the Walter Warren house to the Feuerwerker House this past summer, 50 years of NACENR and INRSEP history (over 15 boxes and portfolios) including decades of research, thousands of local Indigenous community photographs, film, video, slides, ephemera and other historical items were collected by staff and placed in Cal Poly Humboldt Library Special Collections.

INRSEP students Alexis Villegas and Nico Townsend, interns in Special Collections, then cataloged and preserved each item, some of which are on display the first two weeks of classes.

Fifty years of INRSEP will be on display in the Cal Poly Humboldt Library large display case through Monday, Sept. 9.

SAYETH CALTRANS Travelers are being restricted from using southbound U.S. Highway 101 to access the Indianola Cutoff, but will still be able to access the Indianola Cutoff from northbound 101. The change is scheduled for today, Wednesday, Sept. 4 and will be in effect for the duration of the Indianola Undercrossing Project. This change is due to visibility and safety challenges as the project progresses. Once completed, the Indianola Undercrossing Project will resume access to the Indianola Cutoff from southbound 101, enhancing safety and lowering collision rates – which are well above the state average at this location.

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Eureka Photoshop group breeds pixel pushers

EUREKA PHOTOSHOP USERS GROUP

EUREKA – What do these award-winning photographers – Thomas Bethune, Pam Cone, Steve Conger, Jon Exley, KJ Jennings, Steve Kamelgarn, Mary Ann Machi, David Pal, Miriam Pal, Alison Pritchard, Diane Williams, and Hal Work – have in common?

All are current or past members of Eureka Photoshop Users Group dedicated to sharing Photoshop techniques.

The group was founded in 2004 by Ruth Jameson to help photographers navigate a new software, Photoshop, created by the Knoll brothers at Adobe in 1987. It has been sponsored and supported by Adobe for nearly two decades.

The group is celebrating its 20th year anniversary and will have a show at the Upstairs Gallery at the Umpqua Bank in Arcata in September and October during the bank's regular business hours. Our show opens on Thursday, Sept. 12.

Monthly EPUG presentations include the latest information on Photoshop and Lightroom, a



PHOTOSHOP IS FUN "The Grand Canyon on Acid" by Stephen Kamelgarn.

SUBMITTED IMAGE

dabbling in other software, with how-tos for both beginners and advanced users.

There's also discussion about computers, printers, papers, and other photography related topics. The club currently meets on

the first and third Fridays of every month.

One meeting via Zoom is an opportunity to share photos and view a presentation, the other an outing with destinations around the county.

The group hosts annual shows at the Upstairs Gallery and the Hagiopian Gallery at the Eureka branch of the Humboldt County Library.

Currently at the helm are Diane Williams and Hal Work, members since the group's inception. Both have extensive backgrounds in photography and software.

Diane is a self-proclaimed "pixel pusher" whose experience in scrapbooking shines in the works she creates. She has been a Photo-shop instructor for 18 years.

Hal brings more than 20 years of experience with Photoshop to the table and has been teaching how to use it for nearly as long. He founded the Humboldt Photography Exhibition in 2008.

New members are welcome! Contact Hal at *hal.work@sudenlink.net*

LEGAL NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00477

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

PLAZA GRILL, THE BASEMENT, HAVANA

791 EIGHTH STREET, SUITE AA

ARCATA, CA 955

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

TUCK'S INC. CA 1130960

791 EIGHTH STREET, SUITE G

ARCATA, CA 95521

This business is conducted by:

A CORPORATION

SWILLIAM CHINO, PRESIDENT

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on Aug. 28 2024

JUAN P. CERVANTES JR/DEPUTY CLERK

9/4, 9/11, 9/18, 9/25

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on Aug. 19, 2024

JUAN P. CERVANTES SG/DEPUTY CLERK

8/28, 9/4, 9/11, 9/18

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00447

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

SENIOR FINANCE GROUP

3106 SCHOOL STREET FORTUNA, CA 95540

P.O. BOX 453 BAYSIDE, CA 95524

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

DIANA FRAGA SENIOR FINANCE GROUP

CA 5641804

3539 BUTTERMILK LANE

ARCATA, CA 95521

This business is conducted by:

A CORPORATION

S/DIANA FRAGA, PRESIDENT

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on Aug. 14, 2024

JUAN P. CERVANTES JR/DEPUTY CLERK

8/21, 8/28, 9/4, 9/11

below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted.

Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the date set for hearing on the petition should not be granted.

If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

Date: SEPT. 30, 2024

Time: 8:30 A.M.

Dept.: 4

Room: 4

For information on how to appear remotely for your hearing, please visit <https://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov/>.

3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union.

Date: AUG. 19, 2024

Timothy A. Canning.

Judge of the Superior Court

8/28, 9/4, 9/11, 9/18

Time: 8:30 A.M.

Dept.: 4

Room: 4

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Date: AUG. 14, 2024

Timothy A. Canning.

Judge of the Superior Court

8/28, 9/4, 9/11, 9/18

court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

James Donald Forrest, 1373 Hoover St., Eureka, CA 95501 (707)-630-1650

Filed 9/16/24, SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

8/28, 9/4, 9/11

any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

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Date: AUG. 19, 2024

Timothy A. Canning.

Judge of the Superior Court

8/28, 9/4, 9/11, 9/1

proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:

Date: OCT. 3, 2024

Time: 9:30 A.M.

Dept.: 4

Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501.

COURT MAY BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC. PLEASE VISIT <https://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov> FOR INFORMATION ON HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN AN ONLINE VIDEO HEARING.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

SOLEEN CASHMAN GALE & NIELSEN 2850 HARRIS ST. EUREKA, CA 95503 (707) 269-0167 9/4, 9/11, 9/18

intent to appoint a person to fill a vacancy on the Northern Humboldt Union High School District governing board. The appointed person must reside in the Northern Humboldt Union High School District (please visit <https://hcoe.org/schools/> to review district areas of residence) and must be a citizen of California, 18 years or older, and a registered voter. For information about the role of a board member, please visit our website at <https://www.nohum.org/apps/pages/board-policies> and review the Board Bylaws under Article 9.

Persons interested in being considered for appointment should complete a Candidate Information Sheet available online at www.nohum.org prior to 3 p.m. on September 24, 2024. The Board will interview eligible candidates the morning of September 28, 2024. Final selection and swearing in of candidate will be at the Board's regular meeting on October 8, 2024 at 6 pm.

9/4, 9/11



PUBLIC NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF PRELIMINARY BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Preliminary Budget of the Arcata Fire Protection District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, has been adopted by the Arcata Fire Protection Board of Directors and is available at the following time and place for inspection:

Arcata Fire District Headquarters

McKinleyville Station

2149 Central Avenue, McKinleyville, CA 95519

Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

That on September 10, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. at the Arcata Station, 631 9th Street, Arcata, CA, the Board of Directors will meet for the purpose of fixing the final budget, and that any taxpayer may appear at said time and place and be heard regarding the increase, decrease, or omission of any item on the budget, or for the inclusion of additional items.

PUBLISHED BY THE ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ARCATA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT.

Katie Hill

Board Secretary/Clerk

7/3, 9/4

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00473

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

GIRL AND THE GRAIN

2294 FRESHWATER RD. EUREKA, CA 95503

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

HEIDI K. HANSEN

2294 FRESHWATER RD. EUREKA, CA 95503

This business is conducted by:

AN INDIVIDUAL

S/THEIDI K. HANSEN, OWNER

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on Aug. 26, 2024

JUAN P. CERVANTES JC/DEPUTY CLERK

9/4, 9/11, 9/18, 9/25

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on Aug. 9, 2024

JUAN P. CERVANTES JC/DEPUTY CLERK

8/14, 8/21, 8/28, 9/4

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

COURTNEY JILL SCHROEDER

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

CASE NO. CV2401559

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

A. Present name: **DALIA ROSE TAGLIAMONTE SCHROEDER**

To Proposed name: **DALIA ROSE TAGLIAMONTE**

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted.

Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted.

If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

Date: SEPT. 30, 2024

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

CHELSEA VERIN

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

CASE NO. CV2401527

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

A. Present name: **CHELSEA VERIN**

To Proposed name: **CHELSEA TERRAM**

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted.

Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted.

If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

Date: SEPT. 30, 2024

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF Donald Miller Forrest Jr., CASE NO. PR2400224

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors and persons who may otherwise be interested in the estate of Donald M. Forrest Jr. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Petitioner, James Forrest in the Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt. The petition requests that James Forrest be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on September 12, 2024, at 10:30am at the Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, in room CR04. For information on how to appear remotely for your hearing, please visit <https://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov/>

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

DALIA ROSE TAGLIAMONTE

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

CASE NO. CV2401559

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

A. Present name: **DALIA (MIDDLE NAME) ROSE(LAST NAME)TAGLIAMONTE SCHROEDER**

To Proposed name: **DALIA (MIDDLE NAME) ROSE TAGLIAMONTE (LAST NAME) SCHROEDER**

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ALMIRO BRASIL DOS REIS MACIEL aka ALMIRO B MACIEL

CASE NO.: PR2400241

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of:

ALMIRO BRASIL DOS REIS MACIEL

A Petition for Probate has been filed by ROSAMARIA ALVES MACIEL in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT.

The Petition for Probate requests that ROSAMARIA ALVES MACIEL be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedents will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the

NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILL VACANCY ON THE NORTHERN HUMBOLDT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD

The Northern Humboldt Union High School District is announcing its

